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REMARKS

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1. On 1 August 1950 the Artillerie Kaserne, Eberswalde (N 53/V 08) seemed to be occupied by only a guard detail who wore red-bordered black epaulets. Some soldiers wearing tank insignia were seen. There was no motor traffic. (1)

2. The Schuetzen Kaserne appeared to be about 50 percent occupied on 1 August 1950. Tank and signal troops were seen. Soldiers were being instructed in laying field wires in the adjacent area.

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4. The Artillerie Kaserne was only lightly occupied on 9 August 1950. Only 10 soldiers were seen in the billeting area. At night only one or two windows in each building were illuminated. (1)

5. The Schuetzen Kaserne seemed to be occupied to capacity on 9 August 1950. A radio truck with rod antenna, 4 to 5 meters high, and a small engine apparently in operation, were observed in the western section of the billeting area.

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7. A light AA battery of about 20 mm caliber was emplaced in the deforested area west of the Eberswalde freight yard. Six trucks, [redacted] were seen at the emplacement.

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8. No training activity was observed in the area of the Artillerie Kaserne from 6 to 11 August 1950. During the evenings only three or four windows in each building of the eastern barracks section were lighted, while the western blocks were about two-fifths illuminated. Gate guards wore red-bordered black epaulets. [redacted]

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9. The Schuetzen Kaserne did not appear to be occupied to capacity between 6 and 11 August 1950. Only small units were seen. Most of the troop wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia, some with tank insignia. Several soldiers wearing black epaulets were also seen. The headquarter building was about two-fifths illuminated and the buildings in the eastern section of the billeting area slightly more. About 35 soldiers drilling on the parade ground were inspected by three officers on 8 August 1950.

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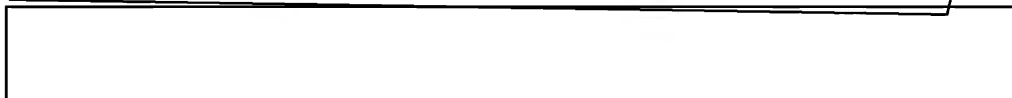
12. The situation at the Ardelt Plant did not seem to have changed.

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A general, coming from Eberswalde, entered the main building on 9 August 1950. The same general was frequently seen entering the Schuetzen Kaserne

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14. The premises of the Nagma tank repair shop, Finow, could not be observed. A new imprint of tank tracks led to the main guard house. The gate guard wore red-bordered black epaulets.

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15. No change was observed at the camp in the Waldeslust woods between 6 and 11 August 1950. Soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets were still in the guard towers. There was no motor traffic. (10).

16. Guards at the former ammunition factory on Max Hessestrasse wore red-bordered black epaulets. No motor vehicles were seen. About 200 empty boxes were stored in the factory yard. Twenty-eight soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets marched into the factory area on 4 August 1950.

17. Four AA guns of 80 to 100 mm caliber were seen in the AA gun emplacements south of the Eberswalde-Finow railroad line on 2 August 1950. Three AA guns of about 50 mm caliber were in the emplacement on the southwestern perimeter of Eberswalde in back of the elementary school building. (11)

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18. The area of the autobahn restaurant west of Finowfurth was occupied by troops between 3 and 10 August 1950. No sentry was seen at the gate. About eight trucks were parked in the yard of the restaurant.

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19. Soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets were seen in the estate of Finowfurth. They apparently were a guard detail. The radio installation in the area between the estate and the highway was not in operation and seemed neglected. There was no motor traffic.

20. Four AA guns of about 80 mm caliber were in the AA emplacement south of the Eberswalde-Finowfurth railroad line between 3 and 10 August 1950. (10)

21. A telephone line running south from the Finow airfield along the western side of the Finow-Biesenthal road was being constructed on 5 and 7 August 1950. The work was done by about 15 soldiers who wore black epaulets. They were supervised by an officer.

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Trucks [redacted] loaded with line-building equipment [redacted] By 7 August 1950 the line had been completed to within 2 km south of Finow.

22. The cantonment on Rudolf Breitscheidstrasse, Eberswalde, seemed to be unoccupied on 10 August 1950. (13)

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Comments.

- (1) The Artillerie Kaserne did not seem to be as heavily occupied as on 28 July 1950. [redacted] It is possible that some elements of the 6th Gds Mecz Div and headquarters units of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army, which had remained in their billeting areas, left the post for field exercises in early August 1950, possibly for Templin.
- (2) The Schuetzen Kaserne had many less troops than on 18 July 1950 when about 2,500 troops were quartered there. [redacted] More units from the billeting area probably left for field exercises or recruits previously reported there left for reassignment to field units. [redacted]

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- (3) [redacted]
- (4) [redacted]
- (5) [redacted]
- (6) [redacted]
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- (8) [redacted]
- (9) [redacted]

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[redacted] The information confirms the Hq Fourth Gds Mecz Army, in the Ardelt Plant, Eberswalde, prior to 9 August 1950.

- (10) The construction of four small cantonment buildings was observed in this area in February 1950. [redacted]
- (11) Presumably elements of the unidentified AAA Div of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army.
- (12) The truck belongs to the 6th Gds Mecz Div.
- (13) The camp was previously reported to be located in the area between Auguste-Viktoria Heim and the athletic field. [redacted]

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